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TITLE : AGENT FOR IMPARTING  
 IRIDESCENT LUSTER TO COSMETIC

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ABSTRACT : PURPOSE: To provide an agent for imparting excellent iridescent luster to cosmetics, and keeping the luster stably for a long period even at a high temperature, by using a straight-chain alkanediol diester as a main component.  
 CONSTITUTION: The objective iridescent luster agent contains at least one compound of formula (R and R' are 13-23C straight-chain alkyl; n is integer 3-10) pref. having a melting point of >=50 deg.C. The agent gives very beautiful and thermal- ly stable iridescent luster to liquid or pasty cosmetics such as shampoo, rinsing agent, lotion, cream, etc., by conventional compounding process. The use of a mixture of two or more kinds of the above compounds or the use of a compound wherein R is different from R' gives more desirable iridescent luster than the use of a compound wherein R is R'. Since larger molecular weight of R and R' results in higher melting point of the compound, desired thermal stability according to the purpose can be attained by selecting proper R and R'.